

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 (cancelled)

Claim 20 (currently amended): A fastener for multiple locking of doors or wall portions in housings or cabinets, particularly for outdoor use, comprising:

a lockable actuation member such as a lever and further comprising a drive toothed wheel which is connected to said actuation member supported in a door so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the actuation member and which engages with a lock rod which is supported in the door so as to be axially displaceable and which has teeth on at least one side;

at least one lock element which is held in the door so as to be rotatable or swivelable and which is coupled with the lock rod; and

for each lock element, a driven toothed wheel, which is directly connected to the lock element so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the lock element and which engages with the toothing of the lock rod, being held on the door in a rotatable manner in order to couple the lock rod with the at least one lock element;

wherein the lock rod of the fastener is a flat strip positioned parallel to a plane of the door or wall portion on a side of the toothed wheel that is close to a rim of the door or wall portion of the cabinet, thus reducing space needed on the door for the fastener.

Claim 21 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20, wherein the lock rod which is supported so as to be axially displaceable is guided in a plurality of separate metal guide parts or plastic guide parts.

Claim 22 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,

wherein the lock rod, which is supported so as to be axially displaceable, is guided in an elongated metal profile or plastic profile.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 22,
wherein the lock rod is so guided near the edge of the door.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20, further comprising:
a second lock element,
wherein each of the at least one lock element is arranged on the driven toothed wheel so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the driven toothed wheel, and
wherein the second lock element is arranged on the drive toothed wheel so as to be rigid against rotation with respect to the drive toothed wheel.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the at least one lock element comprises a bent and/or shaped sheet-metal lug which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the at least one lock element comprises a shaped or injection-molded plastic lug or metal lug which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the at least one lock element comprises a metal carrier part such as bent and/or shaped sheet-metal lugs or injection-molded plastic lugs or metal lugs on which a shaped part made of plastic or another material is arranged and which can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotation.

Claim 28 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 27,
wherein the shaped part which is arranged on the at least one lock element for engaging
behind the housing contour or cabinet frame contour has a curved contour which enables
a long closing path when loaded by closing forces.

Claim 29 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the at least one lock element is made exclusively from plastic or another material
and can be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotating.

Claim 30 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the at least one lock element comprises a carrier part enclosing a shaped part that can
be swiveled in behind a housing contour or cabinet frame contour by rotating, and in that
the at least one lock element, in its entirety, is made of plastic or of a metal part with
coating of a material.

Claim 31 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 22,
wherein the metal profile or plastic profile has a substantially U-shaped cross section which
encloses the lock rod and toothed wheels.

Claim 32 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 31,
wherein the U-shaped profile can be closed by a cover which can be placed thereon.

Claim 33 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the actuation member comprises a swivel lever that can be folded into a trough
arranged on the door.

Claim 34 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 33,

wherein the trough comprises saw-proofing protection.

Claim 35 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 34,
wherein the saw-proofing protection can also be retrofitted into an inner contour of the hand
lever.

Claim 36 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 35,
wherein the saw-proofing protection is a cylindrical pin which is supported in the hand lever
so as to be rotatable around the cylindrical axis of the cylindrical pin.

Claim 37 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 33,
wherein the trough comprises a lettering surface for displaying the rotating direction or other
writing and/or symbols such as company logos.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 33,
wherein the trough has shallow sloping outer side walls.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 20,
wherein the lock rod is guided in such a way that it lies between the door frame and the
driven toothed wheel.

Claim 40 (previously presented): The fastener according to claim 39, wherein the lock rod is
guided in a U-shaped profile.